

Star City Council
Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2019

The regular meeting of the Star City Council was held on October 1, 2019 at Star City Hall, 10769 W. State Street, Star, Idaho. Mayor Charlten Bell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Councilmen David Hershey, Michael Keyes, Trevor Chadwick and Kevin Nielsen present.

Approval of the Agenda: Chadwick moved to approve the agenda; Hershey seconded the motion. Keyes asked that Item 9 Reports be moved to before Item 8 Executive Session. Chadwick amended his motion to approve the agenda as amended, Hershey seconded the motion. All ayes: motion carried.

Consent Agenda: Chadwick moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of: Regular Meeting Minutes of September 17, 2019 with modification to the minutes on page 4 which needs to say “the Commissioners will meet with the City the 1st of October”; Claims against the City for September 2019; Final Plat for American Star, Phase #1; Findings of Fact & Conclusions of Law for Greiner’s Hope Springs Subdivision, Tarrytown Subdivision, Star Storage, and Stonecrest Subdivision, Nielsen seconded the motion. Keyes stated on the meeting minutes on page 2 it says he asked if the project complied with our 14% open space and it should say 15% open space; and regarding the American Star discussion it says streetlight design shall be submitted to Council prior to approval of the final plat application and they have the final plat application but they haven’t seen the streetlight design and there is a check list of verification and he checked with staff as to whether they had been addressed. Nickel stated yes to the check list and the applicant had submitted standards for lights with down lighting. Keyes noted in the Greiner Subdivision public hearing there was discussion regarding putting dark sky lighting in the development agreement and he didn’t see any of that. Nickel stated the development agreement would come back in a separate meeting. In the Tarrytown Subdivision under history of previous actions it’s calling the property as a 9,010 acre property and it should say 9.010 acre property. In the Stonecrest Subdivision the applicant agreed to stipulate in the D.A. that the project would comply with an architectural overlay district that the City would adopt within ninety days and that language needs to be added as well. All ayes: motion carried.

Presentations/Public Input:

PERSI – Mike Hampton: Mike Hampton, Deputy Director for Persi, introduced himself and Donald Drumm the Executive Director. Hampton stated they were here to give the Council some background on what Persi is, how to get into the program, what the benefits are, and what the long-term ramifications can be upon entering the program. He reviewed the requirements the City must meet to start, who would be eligible, the application and set up process, the employer/employee contributions, and the various retirement payout methods. The employee

contribution is always the employees even if they leave employment; but the City contribution always stays in the trust. He noted once the City is in the plan it is hard to get out – it is a long-term commitment. Discussion was held on the Persi program being a competitive recruiting tool, the contribution rates, the fact all employees must participate, different situations for several employees, accommodating paper payroll through Quickbooks, vesting timelines, and the possibility the City may want to wait to see what new legislation is being proposed.

Republic Services – Rachele Klein: Rachele Klein, 2130 Franklin Road, Boise, Idaho, reviewed some background history of services Republic Services has provided to the City, their safety standards and truck driver training. She noted they are an environmental conscience company and currently run natural gas trucks in Star and are looking at bringing in electric trucks. They have partnered with the City on many events as well as with the Fire and Police Departments. Klein reviewed statistics for services in Star with over 3,500 households using services. Klein presented their composting program and asked if there was any interest; it could be implemented in the City as early as fall 2020.

Committee Reports: Dana Partridge, Activities Committee Chairman, stated they would be meeting tomorrow and would be going over the Hometown Celebration activities and will be brainstorming Trunk and Treat night to be held October 26, 2020.

Chip Sitton, Beautification Committee member, thanked the Mayor and Council for attending the Star Mercantile recognition ceremony and they have chosen Blake Trailers for their fourth quarter recipient to be recognized on the 23rd. The Committee is in the process of getting bids for the dog park. The Mayor noted they need budget numbers and designs for the dog park, not actual bids as they haven't approved an actual design and the City will have to put out the actual request for bids.

Public Input: Richard Girard, 675 N. Ramey Creek, Star, Idaho stated he is concerned with traffic on Highway 44 and asked about the signal light at Plummer Road and Highway 44. The Mayor stated they have reached the number of houses in Heron River and it is now in the hands of ACHD to install. Girard stated he is also concerned with traffic enforcement in Star and requested more enforcement on Highway 44. The Mayor assured him they do enforce speed limits and he would share his concerns with the Police Chief.

Old/New Business:

Ordinance No. 297 Moon Valley Development: Chadwick asked staff if they got the corrections in the development agreement regarding the land use schedule. Nickel stated they had.

Nielsen moved that pursuant to Idaho Code, Section 50-902, the rule requiring an Ordinance to be read on three different days, with one reading to be in full be dispensed with and that Ordinance No. 297 be considered after reading once by title only, Hershey seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hershey – aye, Keyes – aye, Chadwick – aye, Nielsen – aye: motion carried.

Chadwick moved to approve Ordinance No. 297, an ordinance of the City of Star, Idaho rezoning certain real property located in the City of Star, commonly described as 7575 W. Moon Valley Road, Star, Idaho; from Residential (R2) to a Multiple Use (MU) zoning designation with a development agreement (MU-DA); owned by M3 ID Moon Valley LLC; amending the zoning map of the City of Star to reflect such changes; and providing an effective date, Keyes seconded the motion. All ayes: motion carried.

Honey Bee Ordinance Discussion: Nielsen explained they had a citizen who provided a model ordinance to provide for the keeping of bees in the City limits and sets some parameters for doing so. Nielsen stated he recommended modifying the enforcement section by removing the City Clerk as doing evidentiary investigation as we have access to County resources for this. Chief Vogt was asked to comment and he explained they do not police bees and only became aware of the bee situation due to a citizen complaint. His only concern was with what is the recourse for someone extremely allergic to bees. Following a discussion on enforcement, it was noted the intent is to give our officers wide discretion in handling situations, and they are looking to strike Section 2-6-7(D) and only have Section 2-6-7(A - C).

Richard Lenhard, 44 S. Devon, Star, Idaho, stated he was the one to bring the ordinance to the Council and stated less than two percent of the population have extreme allergic reactions and they usually carry an EPI pen. He noted honey bees are not as aggressive as wasp and hornets. When asked, Lenhard stated he had reviewed the ordinance changes and felt they were reasonable. Keyes stated he felt the ordinance was a good start and would like to gather some input from the public. Mayor Bell stated this will come back for a public hearing and asked citizens to submit any comments to them before the hearing.

Resolution 2019-10 MOU with Star Sewer & Water District: Discussion held regarding property annexing into the Star Sewer and Water District being required to annex into the City of Star, and that they would need to be contiguous in order to annex.

Nielson moved to approve Resolution No. 2019-10, the Memorandum of Understanding with the Star Sewer and Water District, Chadwick seconded the motion. All ayes: motion carried.

Ordinance No. 299 Destocki Annexation & Zoning: The Mayor stated this is the Ordinance approving the Destocki annexation and Zoning. Nielsen moved that pursuant to Idaho Code, Section 50-902, the rule requiring an Ordinance to be read on three different days, with one reading to be in full be dispensed with and that Ordinance No. 299 be considered after reading once by title only, Chadwick seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hershey – aye, Keyes – aye, Chadwick – aye, Nielsen – aye: motion carried.

Nielson moved to approve Ordinance No. 299, an ordinance annexing to the City of Star certain real properties located in the unincorporated area of Canyon County, Idaho; more specifically at 23189 N. Can Ada Road and contiguous to the City of Star; establishing the zoning classification of the annexed property as Residential (R4) of approximately 3.97 acres; directing that certified

copies of this Ordinance be filed as provided by law, providing for related matters, and providing for an effective date, Keyes seconded the motion. All ayes: motion carried.

Comp Plan Map Discussion: The Mayor stated this discussion item was requested by the City Planner and turned the time over to Shawn Nickel. Nickel explained the City of Meridian is concerned with our designation of the property south of the river to the County line. He asked for guidance from the Council regarding future discussions with Meridian's planners and if they would consider changing our designations to match Meridian's designations. Chadwick stated he was not willing to change our approved Comp Plan to match Meridian's yet to be approved Comp Plan; this area is proposed as a commercial area for the City. He stated he will be meeting with Joe on Friday and they will discuss where Meridian is going with this; and he will then bring back their discussion to the Council. Nickel pointed out the County will not approve our plan till they come to agreement. Mayor Bell pointed out they have had Commissioners approve an overlap area of impact in the past. Discussion held in which it was suggested having landowners involved and it was felt they need to sit down and have a discussion with Meridian as they may not be aware that this is a big commercial component for the City.

Reports:

Staff: Nickel stated he is finishing Chapter 3, and will have chapters 1, 2, and 3 to Council to review for the workshop. Workshops are planned for October 17 and 21, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Council: Hershey stated he would be unavailable for a few weeks.

Keyes noted Make Star Shine Day will be in November and he would like to see the Council participate.

Chadwick stated they have invited ACHD Commissioners to come on October 10th to ride around and see where some of the challenges are in the City. He invited everyone to participate.

Nielsen stated he had a conversation with Mr. Weston regarding the placement of playground equipment in Hunter's Creek Park and they will be meeting October 10th at 9:00 a.m.

Mayor: Mayor Bell encouraged everyone to participate in Trunk n Treat and noted the Mayor's Youth Committee will be doing games. He attended the Treasure Valley Partners Meeting where they discussed the gap of services for the mentally ill.

Executive Session under Idaho Code 74-206(1)(b) Review of Human Resource Issues and 74-206 (1)(c) Real Property Acquisition: Chadwick moved to enter Executive Session; Keyes seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hershey – aye, Keyes – aye, Chadwick – aye, Nielsen – aye: motion carried.

Executive Session Decision: Council came out of Executive Session at 9:45 p.m. and no action was taken.

Adjournment: The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:50 pm.

Approved by:


Charlten Bell, Mayor

Respectfully submitted:


Kathleen Hutton, Deputy City Clerk